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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the names of inventors:
Anthony de la Llera, Xuyen Pham, Andrew Siu, Tuan A. Nguyen and Tony Luong

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING DOWNWARD FORCE ON
WAFER DURING CMP**

This application is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part

of prior Application No. **10/033,671** from which priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is claimed.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 23 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
☒ 05 Sheets of **formal** Drawings
☒ 03 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).
The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is
herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
☐ Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
☐ Power of Attorney
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
☒ Return Receipt Postcard
☐ Other:

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Assignment

- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Lam Research Corporation.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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BASIC FEE			\$385 \$	OR	\$770 \$770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>20</u> -20 = <u>00</u>		x09 = \$	OR	x18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>03</u> -03 = <u>00</u>		x43 = \$	OR	x86 = \$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			\$145 = \$	OR	\$290 = \$
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- ☒ Check No. 10462 in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P306C).


General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136)

- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P306C).

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